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SUBJECT: CSCE PRESS SUMMARY: OCTOBER 15-17

1. OCTOBER 17 WASHINGTON POST MICHAEL DOBBS ARTICLE
AND EVANS AND NOVAK COLUMN TRANSMITTED VIA SEPTELS.
FOLLOWING ARE OTHER RELEVANT ARTICLES.

2. NYT, OCTOBER 15, P. 8, PUBLISHED DAVID SHIPLER
REPORT HEADLINED "SOVIET JEWS, IN AN OPEN LETTER
TO MEETING IN HELSINKI (SIC), ACCUSE MOSCOW OF
SUPPRESSION." ARTICLE STATES THAT MORE THAN 100 JEWISH

ACTIVISTS FROM NINE SOVIET CITIES SENT A LETTER TO ALL
CSCE STATES ACCUSING USSR OF ATTEMPTING TO STAMP OUT
JEWISH CULTURE AND MINIMIZE SOVIET EMIGRATION. ARTICLE
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GIVES NUMEROUS QUOTES FROM LETTER.

3. BALTIMORE SUN, OCTOBER 15, P. 2, CARRIED AP STORY
HEADLINED "HUMAN RIGHTS PUSH BY ALLIES URGED BY US."
ARTICLE REPORTS THAT SOVIET REP. VORONTSOV MADE SHARPEST
ATTACK TO DATE ON WEST AND ACCUSED RFE AND RL OF
BROADCASTING "SUBVERSIVE AND HOSTILE PROPAGANDA" TO

THE EAST. US OFFICIALS REPORTED AS LATER SAYING THAT JAMMING, NOT BROADCASTING, WAS DIRECTLY CONTRARY TO FINAL

ACT. AMERICAN OFFICIALS ALSO REPORTED AS SAYING THAT US HAS BEEN TRYING TO PERSUADE SOME OF ITS NATO ALLIES TO SPEAK OUT MORE FORCEFULLY ON THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. WP, OCTOBER 15, P. 10, CARRIED SHORT REPORT IN "AROUND THE WORLD" SECTION THAT VORONTSOV ATTACKED RFE AND RL AS "FLAGARANTLY VIOLATING THE SPIRIT OF HELSINKI." DEPARTURE OF VALENTIN TURCHIN FROM MOSCOW ALSO REPORTED.

5. NYT, OCTOBER 16, P. 3, CARRIED BACKGROUNDER BY FLORA LEWIS ENTITLED "AMID DEBATE AT BELGRADE, QUIET CHANGE OF AIMS AND STYLE." ARTICLE SUMMARIZES CSCE HISTORY WITH EMPHASIS ON OPPORTUNITIES IT PRESENTS FOR SMALL AND NEUTRAL COUNTRIES TO PROMOTE SECURITY OUTSIDE OF SUPER-POWER BLOCS. EXAMPLE CITED IS NEW PROPOSAL BY SMALLER COUNTRIES OF EAST AND WEST TO LOWER 25,000 MAN THRESHOLD FOR NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS AND EXTEND THE REQUIREMENT FOR ADVANCE NOTICE OF MILITARY MOVEMENTS. ARTICLE ATTRIBUTES MUCH OF CURRENT IMPORTANCE OF CSCE TO EASTERN DISSIDENTS WHO CALLED THEIR RULERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR FINAL ACT PLEDGES AND TO PRESIDENT UNCLASSIFIED

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CARTER'S EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. CURRENT US STAND DESCRIBED AS ONE OF "DETERMINED MODERATION" WITH NATO ALLIES URGING US NOT TO TAKE UP INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS CASES IN PLENARY SESSION AND TO RESERVE NAMING NAMES ONLY IF SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES CHALLENGE MORE GENERAL CHARGES. BUT AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG DESCRIBED AS DETERMINED NOT TO MUTE THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAUSE TO THE POINT OF INAUDIBILITY, EVEN IF HE DOESN'T SOUND OFF WITH AGGRESSIVE TRUMPETING.

6. NYT, OCTOBER 17, P. 1, CARRIED FLORA LEWIS ARTICLE, DATELINED BELGRADE, ON EUROCOMMUNISM. ARTICLE SPECULATES THAT A DEBATE IS UNDERWAY IN SOVIET HIERARCHY ON HOW TO COPE WITH EUROCOMMUNISM. LEWIS REPORTS THAT A CURIOUS ASPECT OF CONVERSATIONS WITH EASTERN COMMUNISTS IN BELGRADE IS THE INTEREST SHOWN IN THE LIBERALIZING TREND OF EUROCOMMUNISM, THOUGH NATIONALIST ATTACKS ON MOSCOW ARE STILL DENOUNCED. YUGOSLAVIA ITSELF IS DESCRIBED AS PROVIDING A "FASCINATING EXAMPLE" TO SOVIETS OF HOW A SOCIALIST SYSTEM NOT MODELED AFTER MOSCOW CAN WORK. ONE SOVIET SOURCE QUOTED AS SAYING HE IS GLAD ANDROPOV WILL VISIT BELGRADE BE-

CAUSE IT "MIGHT OPEN HIS EYES TO SOME NEW POSSIBILITIES."

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